

Parks and Recreation Commission
City of Lambertville
Meeting Minutes May 12, 2021

- Call to Order
 - 8:06pm Call to Order - Megan Ruf
 - Open & Public Meeting in accordance with the open public meeting act
 - Advertised in the Hunterdon county Democrat and the Trenton Times and on the city website
- Roll Call
 - Present
 - Mary Anne Borge
 - Katie Deutsch
 - Megan Ruf
 - Jim Troutman
 - Patricia Walker
 - City Council liaison: Benedetta Lambert
 - Absent
 - Cat Walker
 - Penny Brach
 - Scott Conner
- April Minutes – *No minutes to approve at this time, will approve April minutes at next meeting*
- Old Business
 - Mary Sheridan Park Update
 - Katherine Hackle Artist Bench Memorial
 - MB – Talked to Rick about alternative option for Jamie’s memorial – plaque designed by artist instead of the bench – Rick approved the idea.
 - Benches
 - Rethinking benches in the park – instead of replacing 3 benches, think about replacing one bench in poor condition; set a standard for the park.
 - Recycle Designs, 3 options:

- \$1136 (816 + 320 shipping) Frog Furnishings, framed all around
 - \$1595
 - \$1580 Victoria series
 - Other company *Do More* - prices were higher and \$300 for memorial plaque. Transferring existing plaques to new benches would negate the warranty. MaryAnne can still provide examples for consideration.
 - KD, MR, MB – in order to go with other vendors other than the state approved companies, we would need to get at least 3 bids.
 - MR – the recycled material was chosen over wood because it will last longer – wood eventually sags and breaks apart
 - **Conclusions + Next Steps:**
 - Going to keep looking for something with more of the “Victorian look”, recycled material + wood look
- Request for Capital Improvement Fund –
 - Update on Ely Park Bridge replacement – still on hold
 - Dog Waste Station
 - Funding approved
 - Need to find someone to install
 - Ely park lighting repairs
 - Currently working out some issues → looking to have a timeframe next week
 - BL, MR – Discussion regarding lights/timers at Ely Park for basketball courts → holding off on the conversation for now so we can have a chance to announce it.
- Cavallo Park
 - Garden Border Project
 - Penny’s email stated we are still awaiting approval for design; has not gotten responses for estimates yet.
 - MB – Log border design for alternative to sunken wooden edging
 - Motion to approve - Megan Ruf

- 2nd - Jim Troutman
 - All in Favor
- LPS School Garden
 - MR – Individual in charge of the installation just returned from being at another job site for the last couple weeks, things should begin moving forward
- Committee Report
 - Program Development
 - 2nd Saturday Series
 - June - Band booked, donating their services
 - July - Movie night
 - No band for August yet.
 - KD - No electricity to keep food hot has been a big drawback. If we continue not to get responses, we will need to start looking elsewhere, will give it another week, do one final push online.
 - MR – Could possibly refocus and rethink the event – picnic event, possibility of getting ice cream or having desserts.
 - Memorial Day Park Parade
 - Promoted to local schools and resources, online/social media, email newsletter.
 - MR - Should create a general flyer and pass along to parents during drop off timeframe at LPS – face-to-face interaction, personal engagement. West Amwell as well.
 - Summer Program
 - No applicant responses for the Director position
 - Position has been advertised since end of March
 - Reaching out to library about potential programming as secondary option to
 - BL – Possibility of additional incentive for the applicants?
- New Business

- New grant proposal
 - MB – opportunity for funding to do tree work, municipalities are eligible.
 - MR – Should actively pursue and engage Brian from Shade Tree Commissions.
 - MB – Will look deeper into the grant opportunity and get more details to discuss.
- Tree removal bids
 - JT – 3 bids for tree removal
 - MR – Need to follow up with companies on adding 3 other trees onto the project + pricing. Trying to take care of this week. Might need JT to meet them down there.
- Facility Use Request
 - Emily Erinson → Ely Park field + gazebo, 5/23 1-6pm
 - family gathering ~25 ppl
 - Talked w/ Mark Curry who confirmed no one was using that field that night.
 - Motion to approve – Mary Anne
 - 2nd – Patricia Walker
 - All in favor
- Adjourn
 - 8:57pm motion to adjourn – Megan Ruf
 - 2nd Mary Anne
 - All in favor